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AT REQUEST OF USOECN BENGELSDORF OFFERS FOLLOWING
SUGGESTIONS TO DEPARTMENT FOR USE IN PREPARING REQUESTED
INSTRUCTIONS SOUGHT IN REFTELS.

1. WE ASSUME DEPT WILL WISH TO APPROACH THE CANADIANS
IN OTTAWA RE TFP AT A HIGH-LEVEL. PENDING OUTCOME SUCH
AN APPROACH IT IS SUGGESTED THAT WE NARROW OUR DIFFERENCES
WITH SPAIN (THUS ISOLATING CANADIANS), BY ACCEPTANCE OF
SUGGESTIONS IN PARAS 5 AND 6 OF PARIS 23309.

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2. RE DRAFT DECLARATION DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO CONSIDER

THE FOLLOWING NEW VARIANT FOR INCLUSION IN THE DECLARATION WHICH AVOIDS ON THE ONE HAND THE CONCEPT THAT THE LDC'S ENJOY A SPECIAL POSITION, WHILE RECOGNIZING THEIR NEEDS ON THE OTHER.

QUOTE: CONSCIOUS OF THE NEED TO ASSURE THAT NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICIES APPROPRIATELY TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCE AND NEEDS FACED BY EACH STATE, AS WELL AS THEIR SPECIAL INTEREST IN COOPERATING WITH THE DEVELOPING NATIONS INCLUDING THOSE THAT ARE MEMBERS OF THE OECD. END QUOTE.

3. RE PARIS 23216 FOLLOWING SUGGESTIONS ARE OFFERED. SECRETARIAT'S VERSION OF PARA II 3 APPEARS PREFERABLE GIVEN REFERENCE TO "ANY" IN CANADIAN VERSION. WE BELIEVE IT MAY BE PRUDENT TO REFRAIN TAKING ACTION ON ITALIAN PROPOSAL UNTIL MATTER IS CAREFULLY STUDIED AS AGREED BY ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE. FRG PROPOSAL RE TRANSITIONAL PERIOD SEEMS HARMLESS, AND IS IN SOME RESPECTS TIGHTER THAN EARLIER VERSION. RE PARA III-2(C) WE FIND THE CANADIAN PROPOSAL, INCLUDING THE WORD "OBLIGATIONS" ACCEPTABLE, ON THE PREMISE, HOWEVER, THAT THE PPP ACTION PROPOSAL DOES NOT REPEAT NOT CONSTITUTE A BINDING LEGAL INSTRUMENT. RE PARA III 4 WE ASSUME THAT USG WILL REMAIN PREPARED ENDORSE EITHER OF FIRST TWO VERSIONS. NOT CLEAR WHAT UK HAVE IN MIND WITH THEIR PROPOSAL AND WE SUSPECT THEIR PHRASE "GOVERNING PROVISION OF THIS ASSISTANCE" COULD CREATE DIFFICULTIES FOR SOME DELS SINCE IT SEEMS TO OPEN UP THE ENTIRE QUESTION OF THE CRITERIA TO BE APPLIED TO EXISTING AS WELL AS NEW PLANTS. DIFFICULTY WITH AUSTRALIAN APPROACH IS THAT IT COMPLETELY IGNORES A NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE TO WHICH SEVERAL STATES ASCRIBE SOME SIGNIFICANCE. OVERALL, WE BELIEVE USG SHOULD BE PREPARED ACCEPT WHATEVER VERSION OF PARA 4 PROVES ACCEPTABLE TO ALL DELS. FINALLY, TURKISH PROPOSAL REPORTED IN PARA 4 OF PARIS 23302 STRIKES US AS ACCEPTABLE. DALE

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